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SUBJECT: U.S. FOREIGN FISHING JOINT VENTURE POLICY

REF: SEOUL 3169

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN INFORMED BY KMIDC THAT NOAA HAS PUBLISHED FISHING JOINT VENTURE POLICY IN FEDERAL REGISTER AND IS PROCEEDING TO PROCESS THE JOINT VENTURE AND/OR VESSEL PERMIT APPLICATIONS OF KMIDC/DAVENNEY AND USSR/BELLINGHAM. WASHINGTON COUNSEL HAS STATED THAT SENATOR MAGNUSON ACCEPTED THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE INTERIM POLICY AND ISSUANCE OF LICENSES "WITH THE APPROPRIATE CONDITIONS" AND THAT LATTER ARE NOW UNDER INTERNAL USG CONSIDERATION.

2. FROM KOREAN POINT OF VIEW, SHOULD THE "CONDITIONS" ATTACHED TO THE REQUIRED PERMITS BE INORDINATELY COMPLEX, OR ADD SIGNIFICANTLY TO THE EXISTING LEGALITIES GOVERNING FOREIGN FISHING VESSELS IN THE USFCM ZONE, THE PROJECT WOULD NECESSARILY BE DROPPED DESPITE THE EXPENDITURE OF OVER A YEAR'S EFFORT ATTENDED BY THE GREAT EXPENSE OF INAUGURATING

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3. EMBOFFS UNDERSTAND THAT THE WITHDRAWAL OF KOREAN INTEREST WOULD HAVE A THREEFOLD EFFECT: (A) THE U.S. FISHERMEN WHO HAVE BEEN ENLISTED BY DAVENNEY TO SUPPLY BOTTOMFISH WOULD NOT, AND INDEED COULD NOT, ECONOMICALLY DO SO AT CURRENT INTERNATIONAL PRICES; (B) THE EXISTING ECONOLOGICAL DIS-

EQUILIBRIUM, WHEREIN POLLOCK ARE FEEDING ON ALASKAN SALMON AND SHRIMP FINGERLINGS WILL WORSEN AT THE EXPENSE NOT ONLY OF THOSE RESOURCES, BUT ALSO OF THE AMERICAN FISHERMEN AND SHORE FACILITIES WHO DEPEND ON THEIR MAXIMUM MATURATION; AND (C) IN CONSEQUENCE OF THE FOREGOING, NOT ONLY WOULD THE POTENTIAL EMPLOYMENT OF U.S. BOATS AND FISHERMEN BY KMIDC GO UNREALIZED, BUT THE EXISTING FORTUNES OF THE U.S. INDUSTRY COULD BE ERODED. OVER TIME THE ONLY ULTIMATE SOLUTION TO POLLOCK AND OTHER GROUND FISH OVERPOPULATION WOULD BE A RADICAL EMERGENCY INCREASE OF FOREIGN BOTTOM-FISH QUOTAS IN THE INTEREST OF PROTECTING THE MORE VALUABLE SALMON AND OTHER RESOURCES.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE AND COMMERCE REVIEW THE ACTUAL NECESSITY AND PRACTICAL EFFECTS OF ANY LEGAL CONDITIONS ATTACHED TO FOREIGN JOINT VENTURE PERMITS BEFORE THEY ARE ISSUED.

5. DECONTROL UPON RECEIPT.
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